

We Claim:

1. A laundry basket, comprising:
  - a bottom wall with an outer periphery;
  - a contiguous sidewall extending up from the outer periphery of the bottom wall and defining an interior of the laundry basket; and
  - a first handle on a portion of the contiguous sidewall and including a first grip and a first knuckle guard disposed spaced outward from the first grip in a direction away from the interior of the basket.
2. The laundry basket of claim 1, wherein the contiguous sidewall includes a first, second, third and fourth sidewall extending up from the bottom wall, the first and second sidewalls being opposite from each other, the third and fourth sidewalls being opposite from each other.
3. The laundry basket of claim 2, wherein the contiguous sidewall is substantially rectangular, and wherein the first and second sidewalls are relatively longer than the third and fourth sidewalls.
4. The laundry basket of claim 2, wherein the first handle is disposed on the first sidewall, and further comprising:
  - a second handle attached to the second sidewall, the second handle including a second grip and a second knuckle guard disposed outward from the second grip in a direction away from the interior of the basket.
5. The laundry basket of claim 4, further comprising:

a third handle attached to the third sidewall and including a third grip and a third knuckle guard disposed outward from the third grip in a direction away from the interior of the basket.

6. The laundry basket of claim 1, wherein the contiguous sidewall includes a concavely arched sidewall adapted to bear against the user.

7. The laundry basket of claim 6, wherein the contiguous sidewall further includes a first, second, and third sidewall.

8. The laundry basket of claim 1, the first handle including a first side opening in the contiguous sidewall, the first grip being formed as a portion of the contiguous sidewall above the first side opening.

9. The laundry basket of claim 8, wherein the first knuckle guard is disposed on the side of the contiguous sidewall opposite the interior of the basket.

10. The laundry basket of claim 1, wherein the first grip is disposed inwardly from the contiguous sidewall into the interior of the laundry basket.

11. The laundry basket of claim 10, wherein the first knuckle guard is formed as part of the contiguous sidewall.

12. The laundry basket of claim 11, wherein the sidewall includes at least one vent.

13. The laundry basket of claim 1, wherein the first knuckle guard is a bar spaced from and encompassing one side of the first grip.

14. A laundry basket, comprising:

a base including an outer periphery;

a first sidewall, a second sidewall a third sidewall, and a fourth sidewall each extending up from the outer periphery of the base, defining an interior of the basket;

a first handle formed on an upper end of the first sidewall and including a first grip and a first knuckle guard disposed spaced outward from the first grip in a direction away from the interior of the basket; and

a second handle formed on an upper end of the second sidewall opposite the first handle, the second handle including a second grip and a second knuckle guard disposed spaced outward from the second grip in a direction away from the interior of the basket.

15. The laundry basket of claim 14, further comprising a third handle formed on an upper end of the third sidewall, the third handle including a third grip and a third knuckle guard disposed spaced outward from the third grip in a direction away from the interior of the basket.

16. The laundry basket of claim 14, wherein the first knuckle guard and the second knuckle guard are bars spaced from and encompassing one side of the grips.

17. A portable container, comprising:

a base including an outer periphery;

a contiguous sidewall extending up from the outer periphery of the base,  
defining an interior of the basket;

a first handle formed on an upper end of the contiguous sidewall and including  
a first grip and a first knuckle guard disposed spaced outward from the first grip in a  
direction away from the interior of the basket; and

a second handle formed on an upper end of the contiguous sidewall opposite  
the first handle, the second handle including a second grip and a second knuckle  
guard disposed spaced outward from the second grip in a direction away from the  
interior of the basket.